



# Renewable Energy Technologies: Progress, Markets, and Industries

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# Low Wind Speed Technology Development



**WTC 500 kW Prototype  
Mojave, CA**

## **Current Status of Wind Technology:**

- Wind Technology has matured over 25 Years
- Availability now reported at 98-99%
- Certification to international standards for new turbine designs helps avoid “major failures”
- Current designs produce electricity for 4-6 cents/kWh at Class 6 wind sites (15 mph or higher average wind)
- Variable speed power electronics mitigate some grid issues

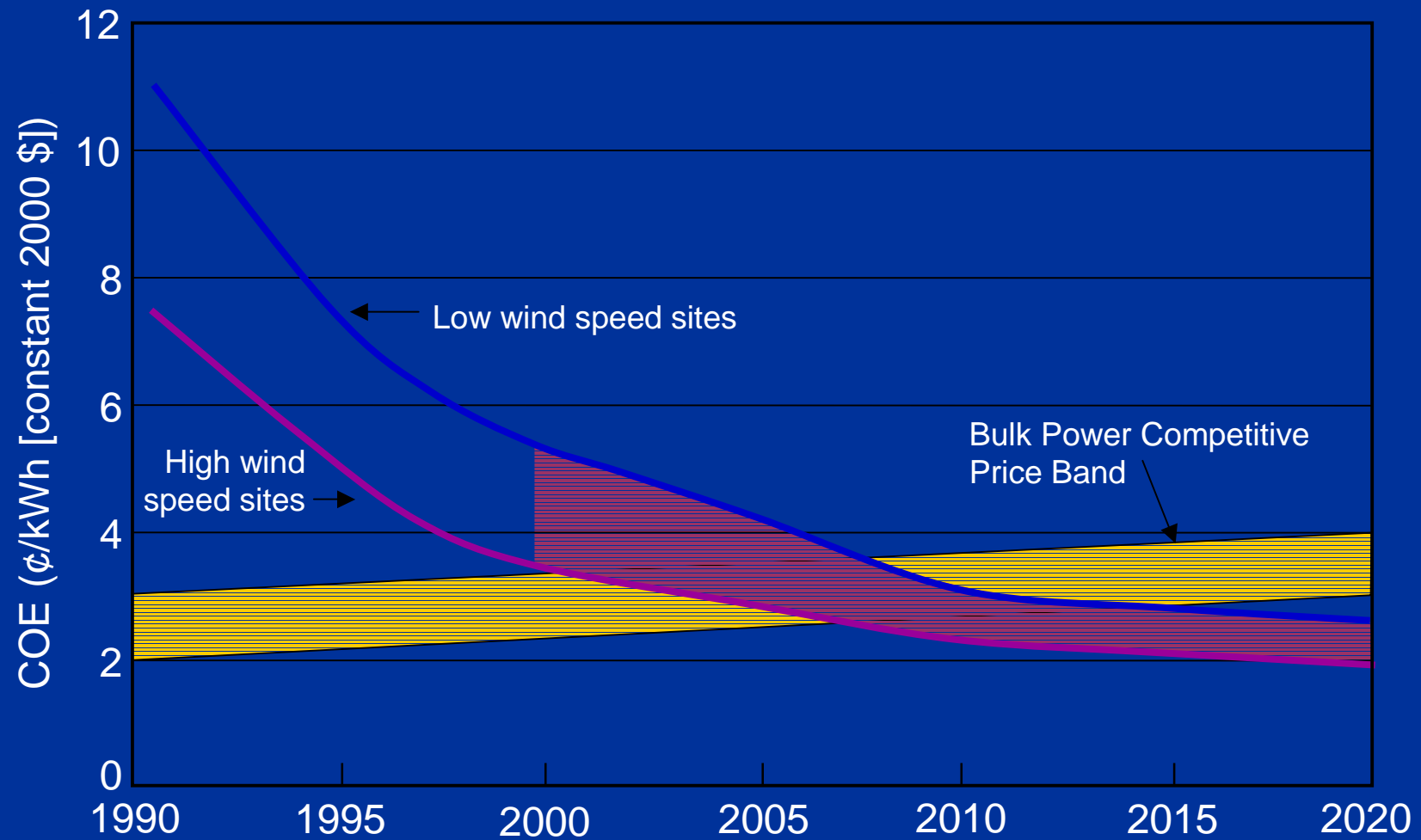


**Enron Wind 1.5 MW Turbines  
Indian Mesa, TX**

## **Low Wind Speed Technology Innovations for the future:**

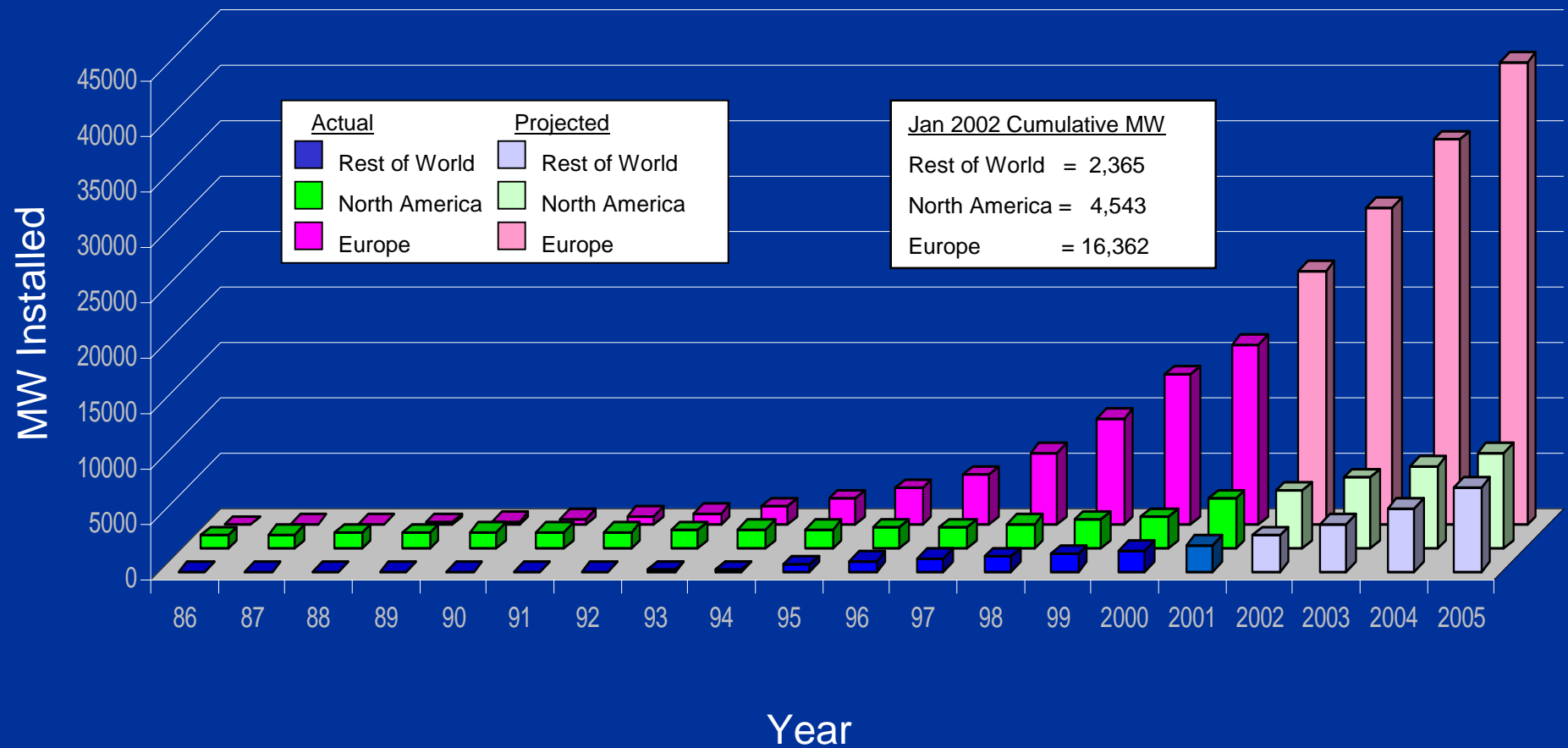
- Larger-scale 2 to 5 MW, with rotors diameters to 120 meters
- Flexible, thin high-speed rotors
- Extendable rotor concepts
- Hybrid glass-carbon rotors
- Load feedback control systems
- Custom designed low-speed, permanent-magnet generators
- Self-erecting tall tower designs, 85 to 100 meters tall
- Offshore wind turbines

# Wind Cost of Energy



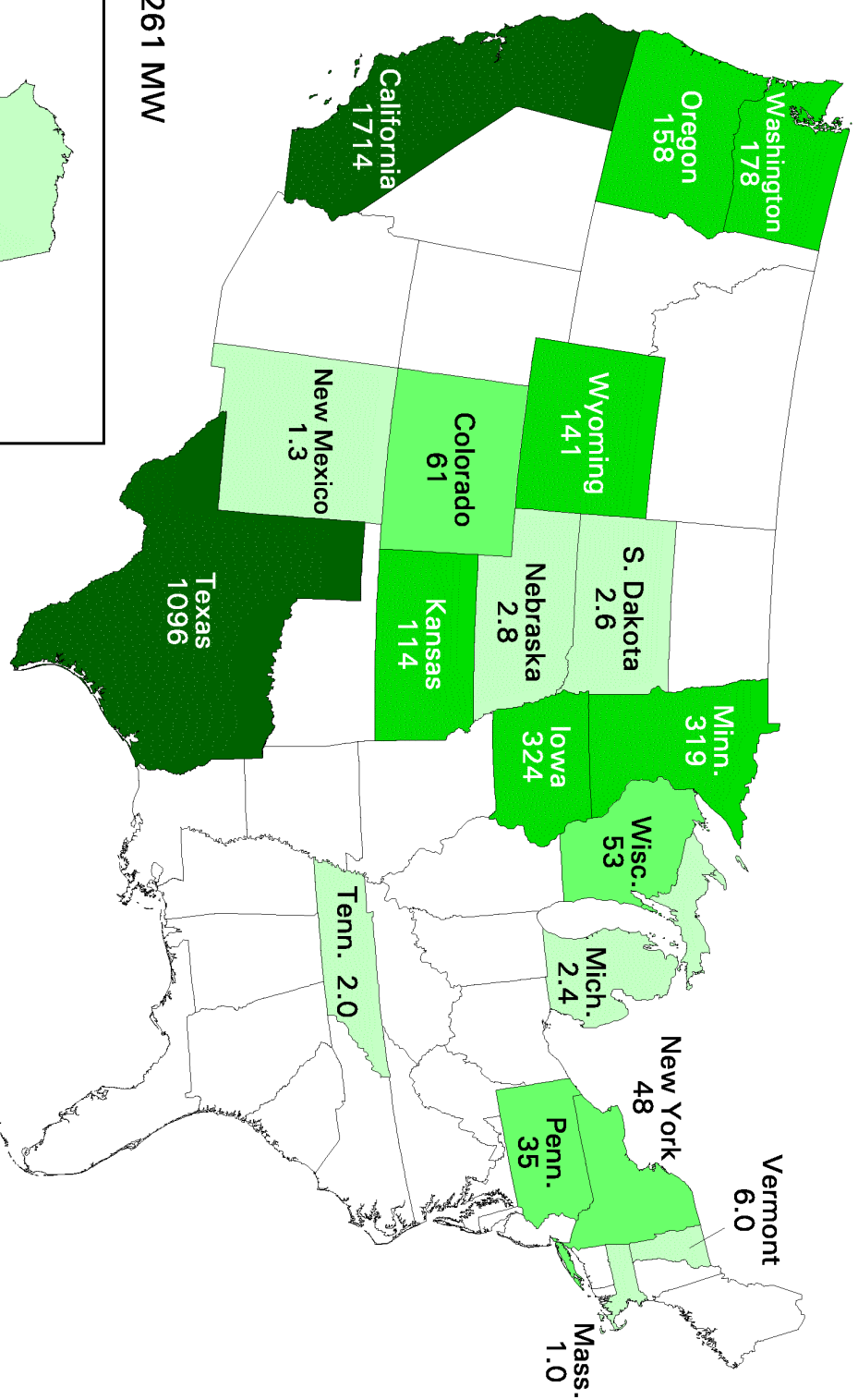
Source: DOE Wind Program

# Growth of Wind Energy Capacity Worldwide

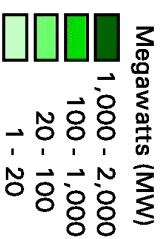


Sources: BTM Consult Aps, March 2001  
Windpower Monthly, January 2002

# United States - 2001 Year End Wind Power Capacity (MW)



Total: 4,261 MW



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# Finances and Incentives

- Production Tax Credit
  - 1.7 cents/kWh (escalating) for 10 years equates to around 1.1 cents/kWh reduction in contract price
  - Currently available for plants installed by 12/03 (deadline pressure *increases* costs)
  - 5 year extension being debated
- State and Local tax, etc. can be significant
  - +/- 0.5 cents/kWh impact
- Public Power (100% debt at tax free rates)
  - 60% of GenCo or IPP cents/kWh
  - Renewable Energy Production Incentive available, but annual appropriation leads to limited value when financing projects



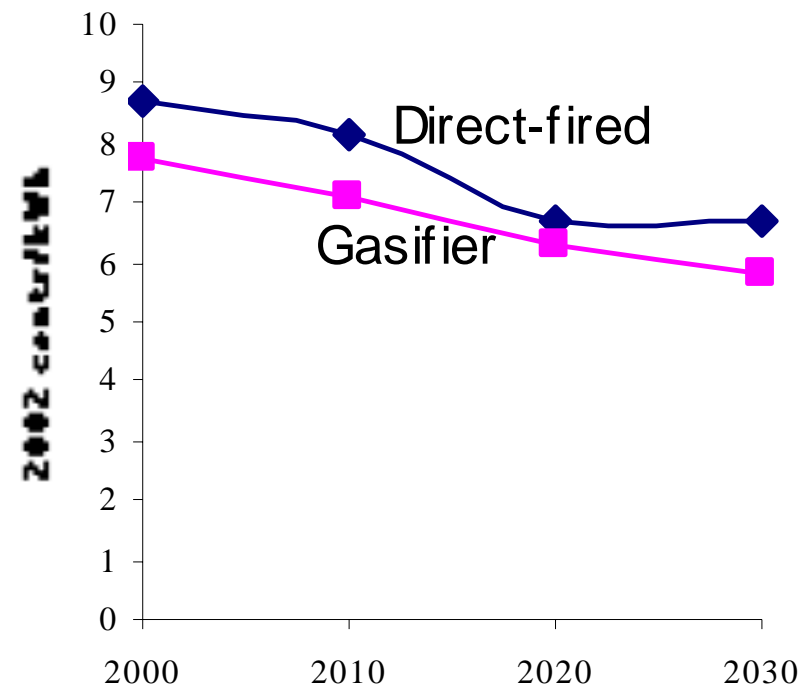
# Economic Development Opportunities

- Land Lease Payments: 2-3% of gross revenue \$2500-4000/MW/year
- Local property tax revenue: 100 MW brings in on the order of \$1 million/yr
- 1-2 jobs/MW during construction
- 2-5 permanent O&M jobs per 50-100 MW,
- Local construction and service industry: concrete, towers usually done locally
- Investment as Equity Owners: production tax credit, accelerated depreciation
- Manufacturing and Assembly plants expanding in U.S. (Micon in IL, LM Glasfiber in ND)



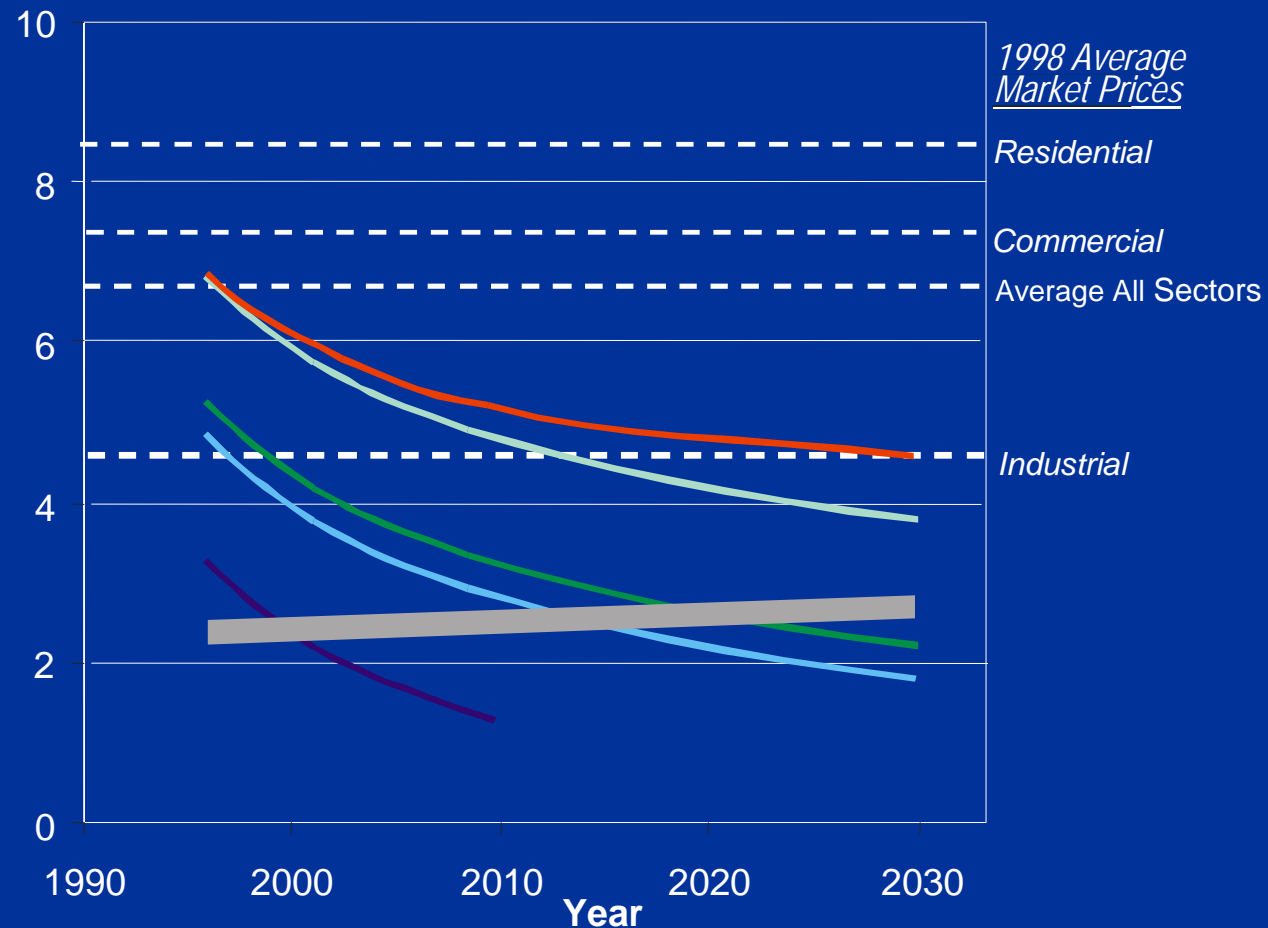


# Biopower



Source: <http://www.eren.doe.gov/power/techchar.html>

# Projected Cost of Electricity from Biomass



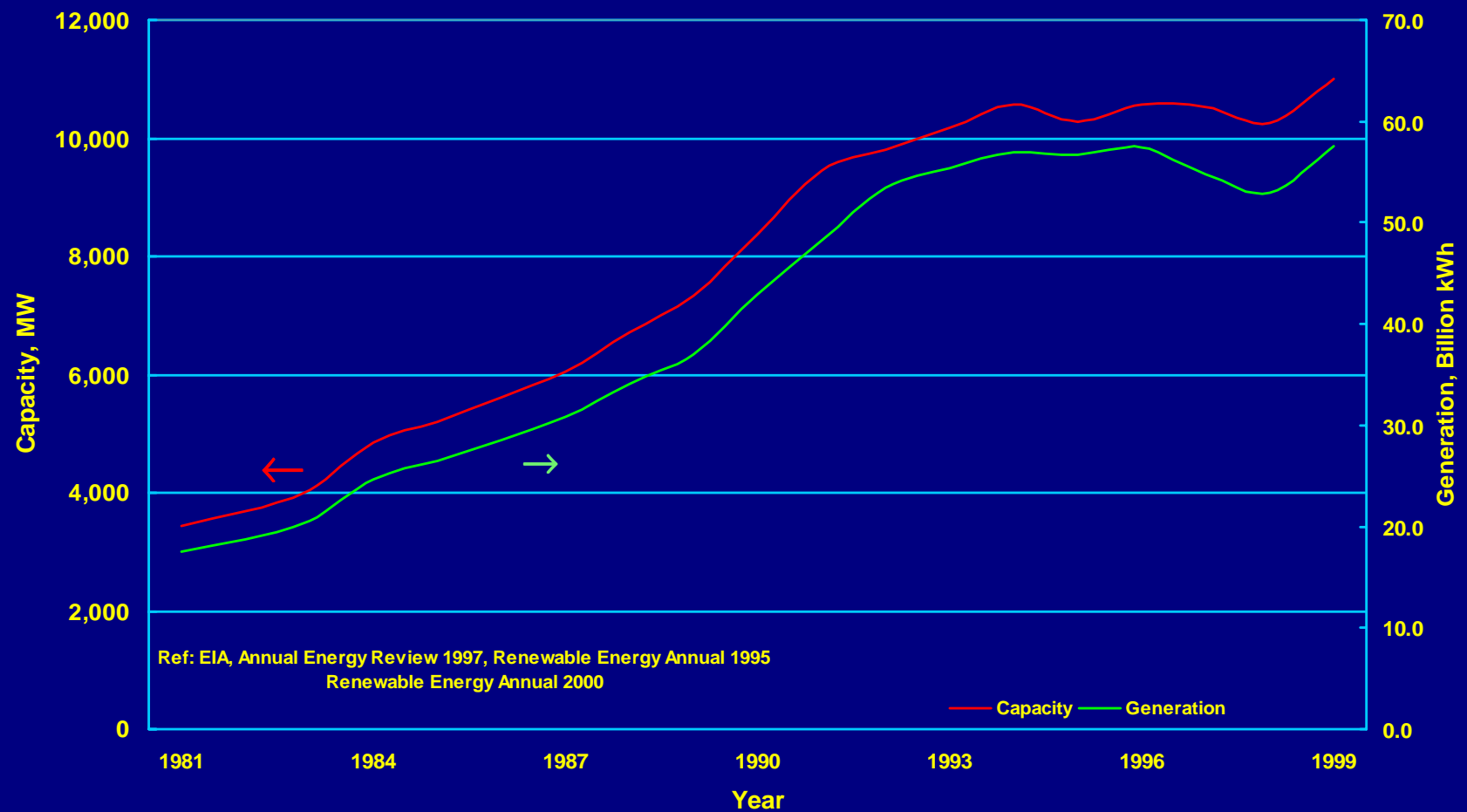
- Biomass Gasification Combined Cycle (BIGCC)
- Accelerated BIGCC / energy crops
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- New natural gas combined cycle

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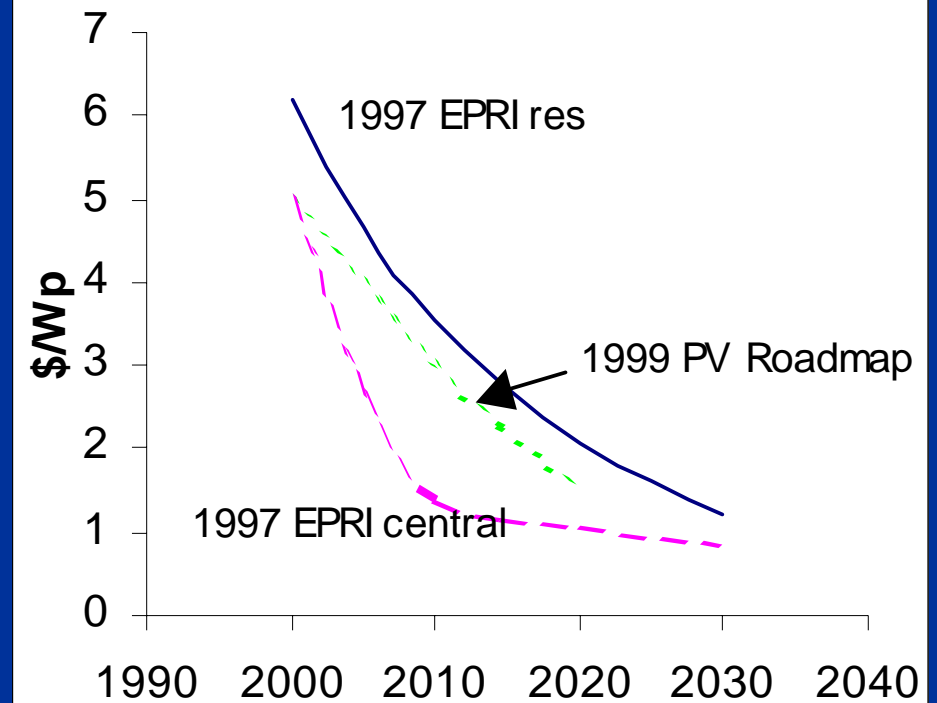
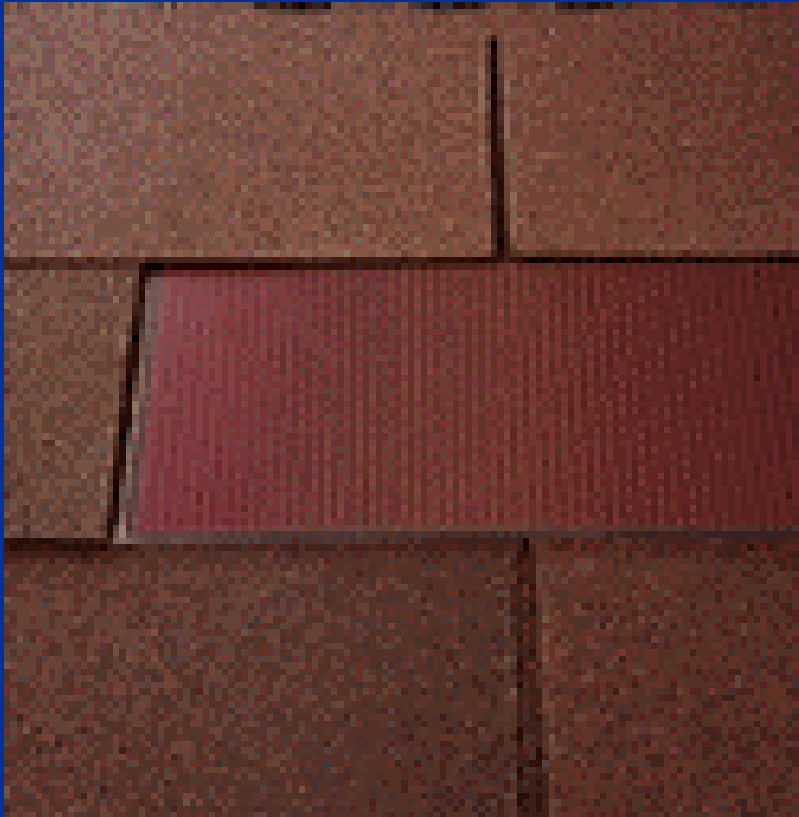
- Ranges on cost are 1 - 1.5¢/kWh due to financing assumptions
- (high = IPP; low = Muni)
- Assumes EIA fuel cost projections for natural gas

Source: [www.eren.doe.gov/biopower](http://www.eren.doe.gov/biopower)

## Bioenergy Electricity Generation, 1981 - 1999



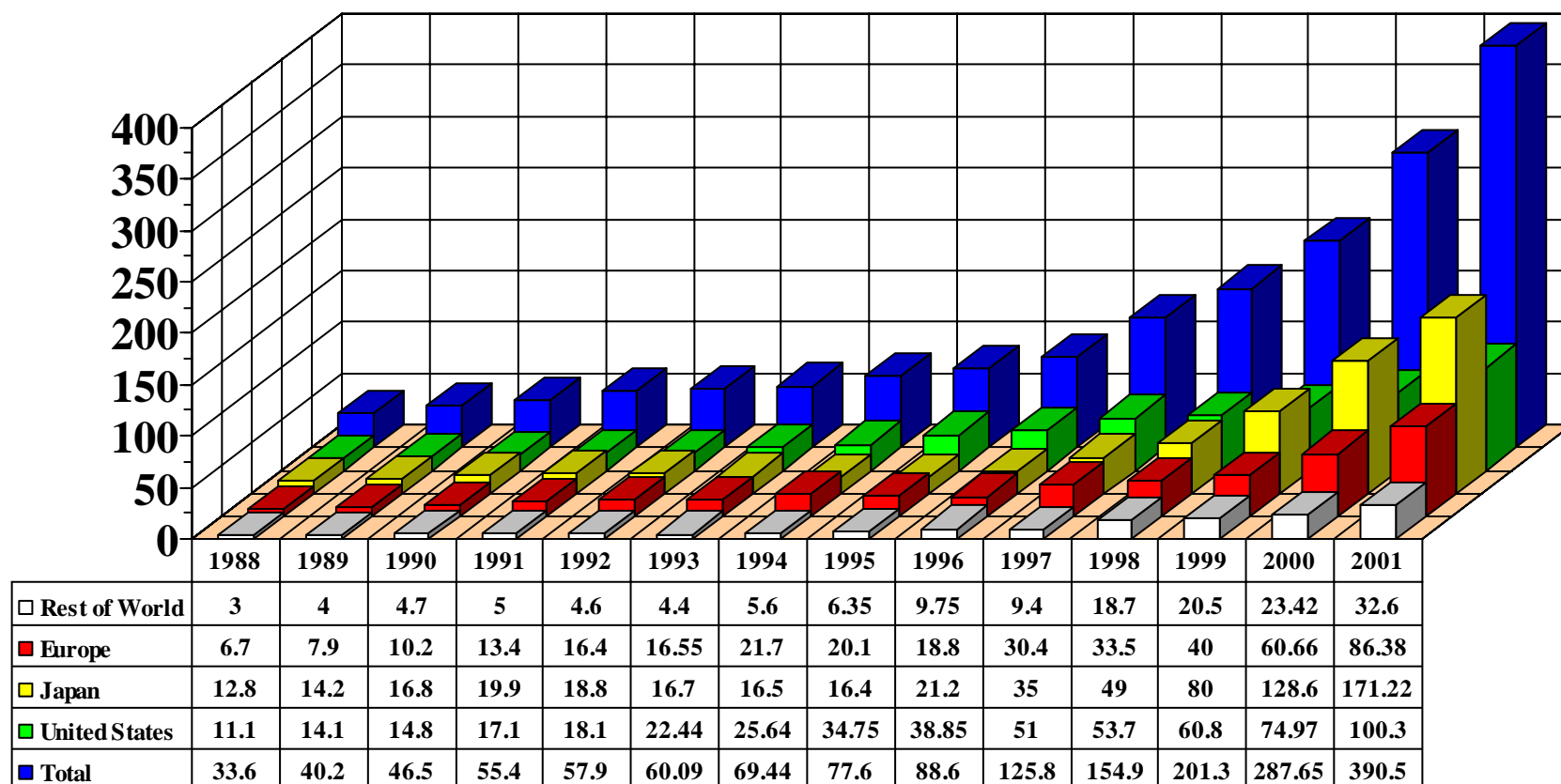
# Photovoltaic Costs



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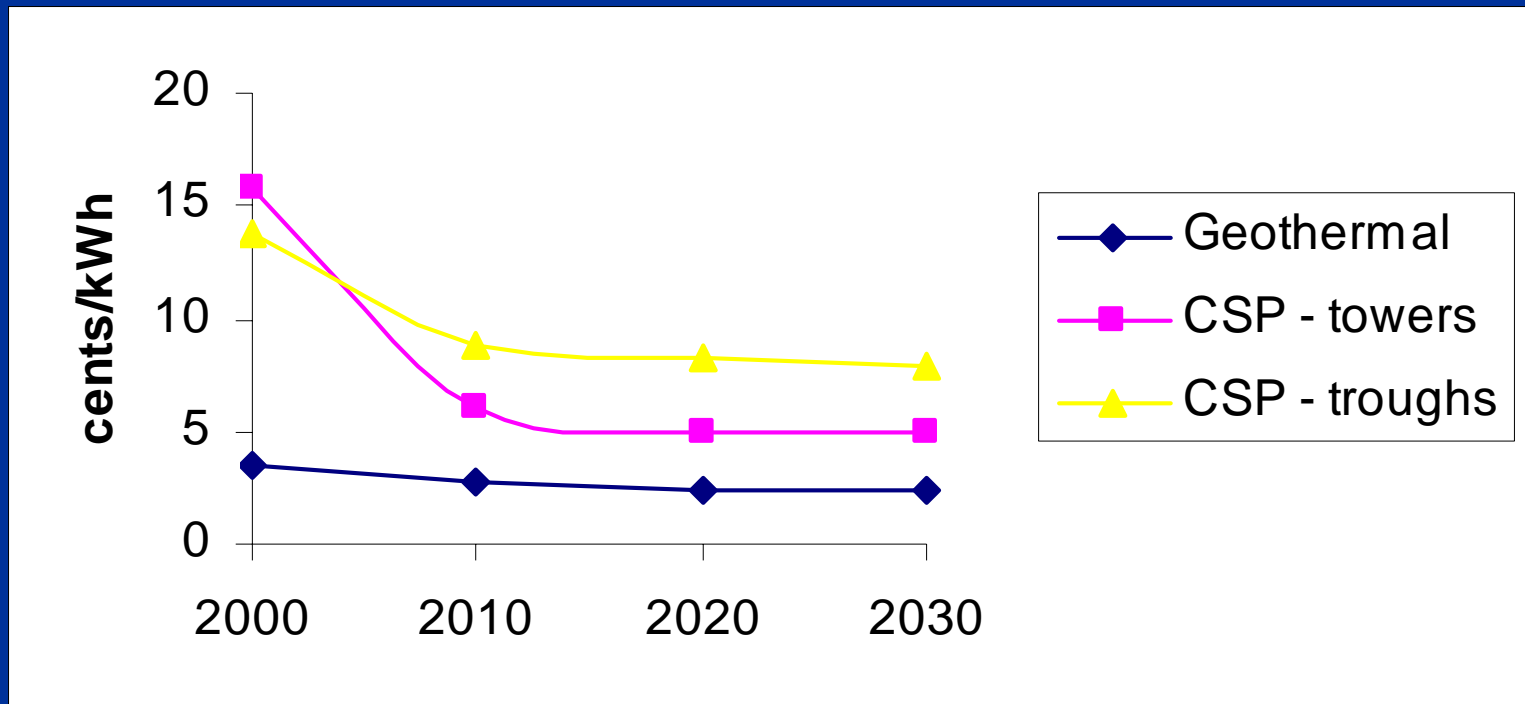
<http://www.nrel.gov/ncpv/pvmenu.cgi?site+ncpv&idx=3&body=pvplans.html>

# World PV Cell/Module Production (1988-2001) (in Megawatts)



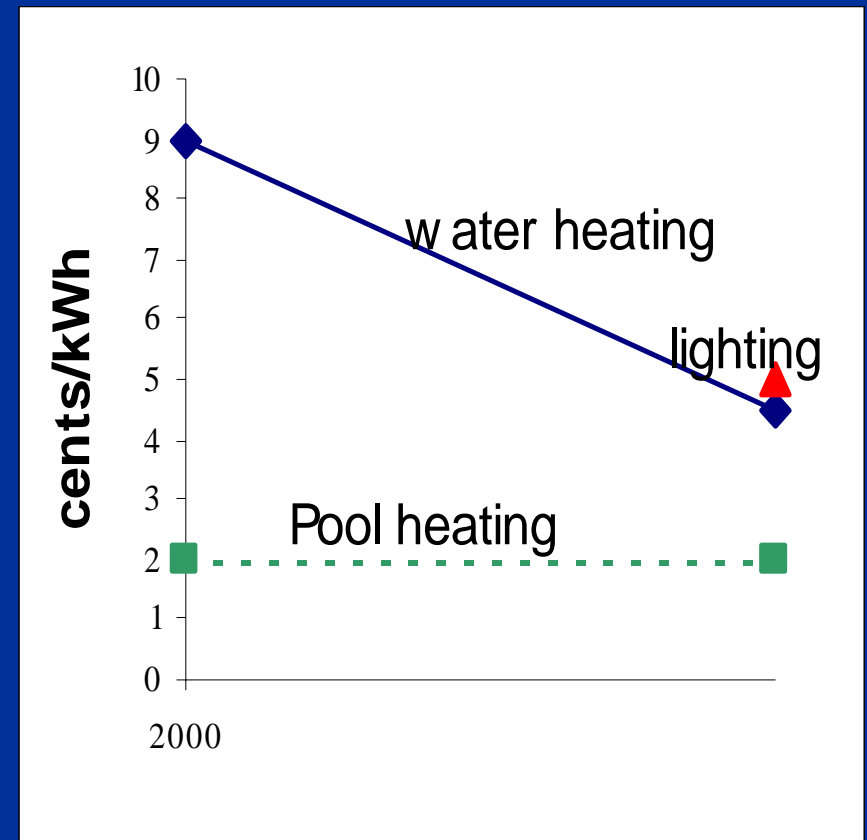
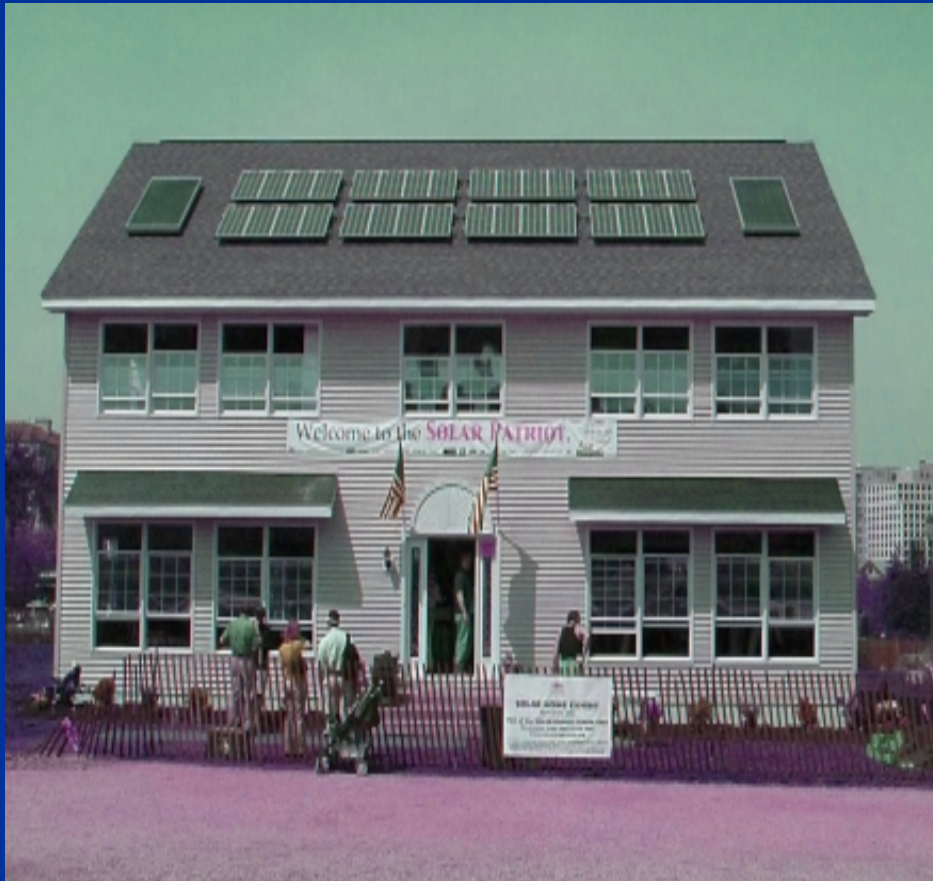
From PV News, Paul Maycock, editor; yearly February editions.

# Other Renewable Electric Technologies



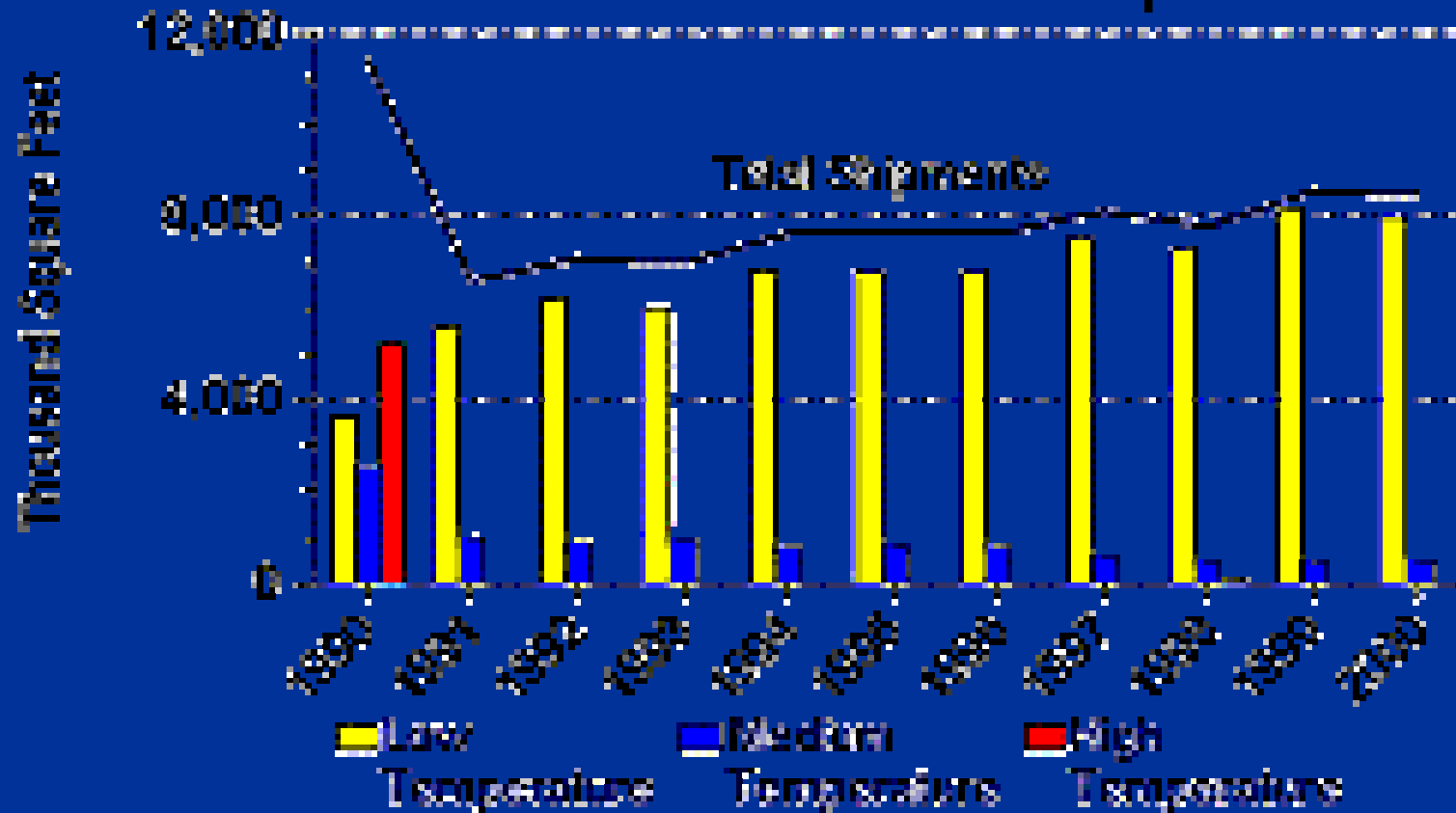
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# Solar Buildings



Source:

# Solar Thermal U.S. Shipments



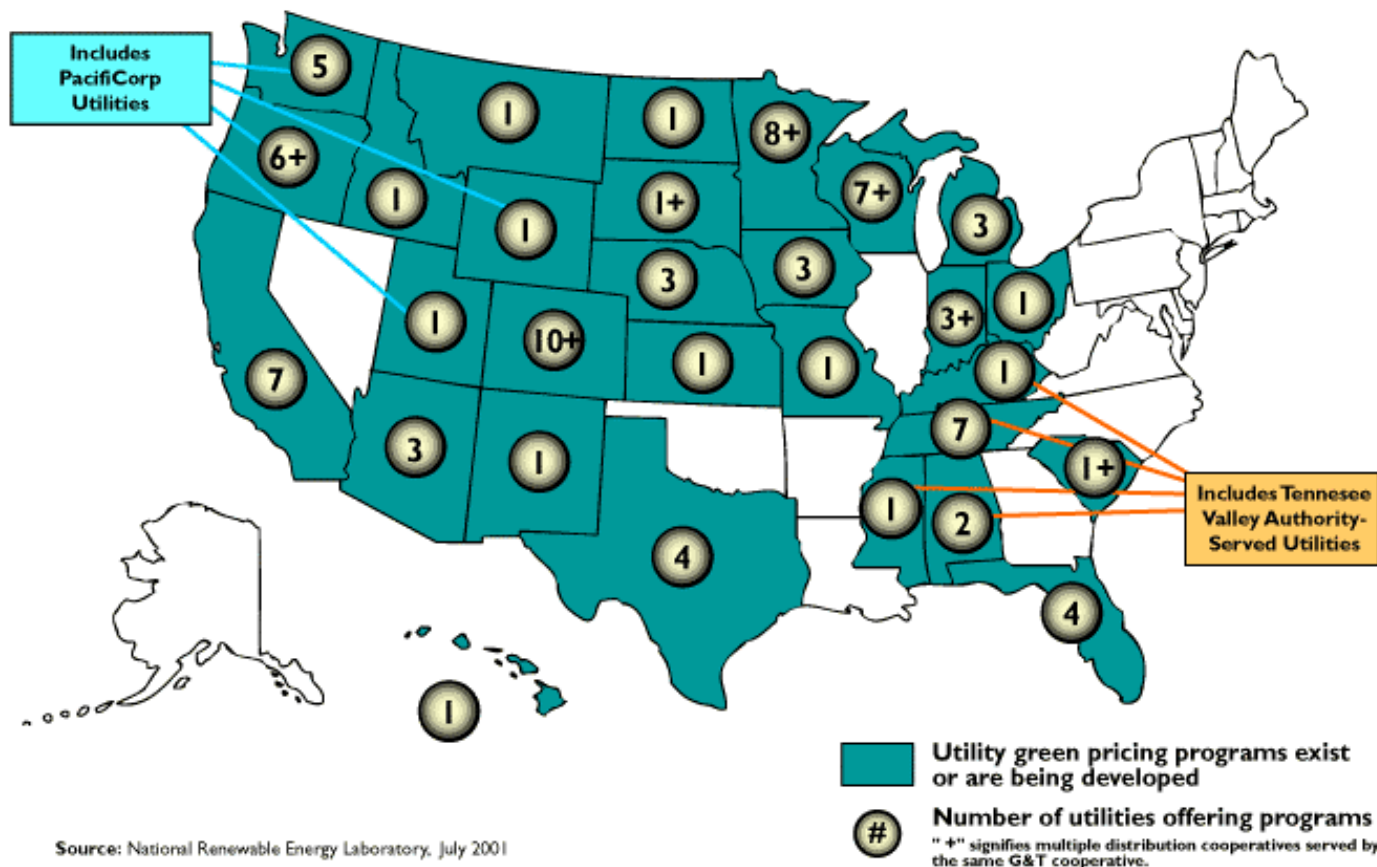
- 26 U.S. companies actively producing solar collectors with 10 companies supplying 97%
- Almost all companies in CA, FL, HI, NY, NY, TX

Source: [http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/solar.renewables/page/rea\\_data/chapter2.html#solar](http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/solar.renewables/page/rea_data/chapter2.html#solar)



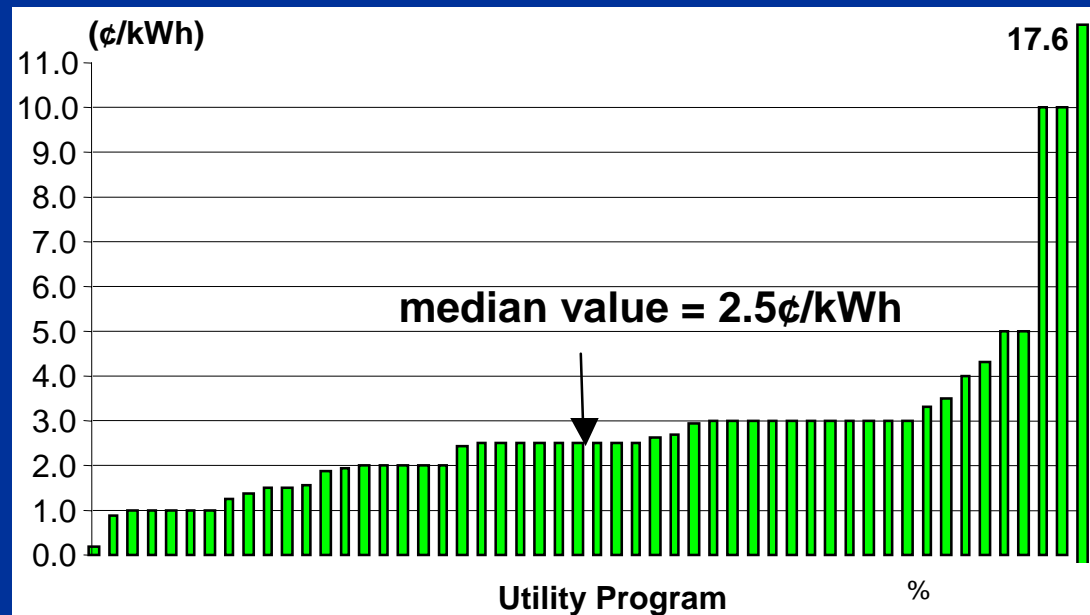
# U.S. Green Pricing Programs

## Utility Green Pricing Activities



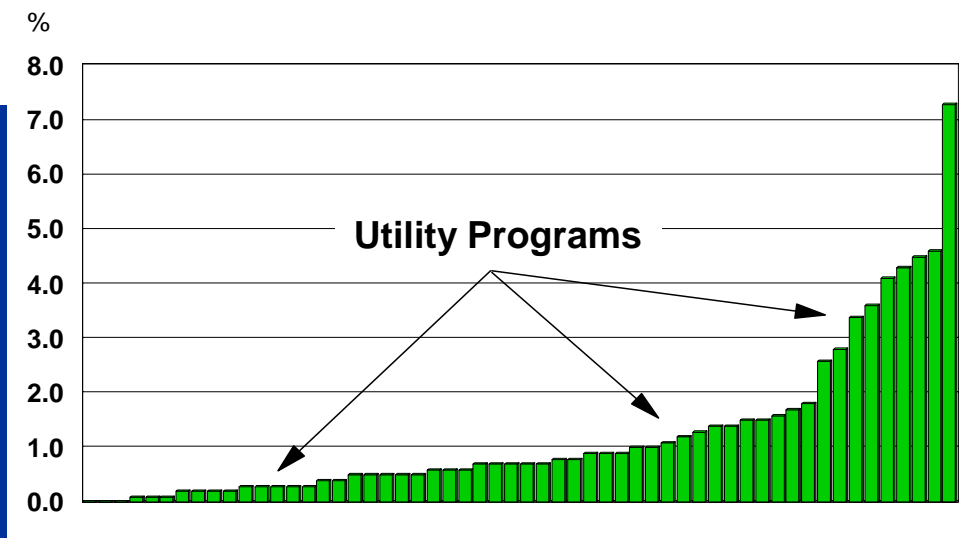
Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, July 2001

# Green Power Program Assessment



Statistics for  
Utility  
Green Pricing  
Programs

Participation  
Rates for Utility  
Green Pricing  
Programs



# Green Power Market Development Group

- **Goal**

- Procure 1,000 MW of new, cost-competitive green energy capacity by 2010.
  - *equivalent to about 7% of the group's collective energy demand*

Alcoa

Cargill Dow

Delphi Automotive

DuPont

General Motors

Kinkos

IBM

Interface

Johnson & Johnson

Pitney Bowes

# Data Sources

- Technological Progress  
Cost/performance Improvements
  - EPRI/DOE 1997 *Renewable Energy Technology Characterizations* (Electric)  
<http://www.eren.doe.gov/power/techchar.html>
  - EPRI 2001 *Renewable Energy Technical Assessment Guide* (Electric) proprietary
  - DOE/EIA *Annual Energy Outlook 2002*  
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/assumption/index.html>

# Data Sources (Cont'd)

## Installed Renewable Electric Capacity

- **DOE/NREL Renewable Electric Plant Information System (REPiS)**
  - <http://www.eren.doe.gov/repis/>
  - ownership, location, operational status, and nameplate capacity of all RE power plants
- **EIA - all plant types above 1 MW**
  - <http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epav1/elecprod.html#tab2>
- **EPA Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database (EGRID)**
  - <http://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/egrid/>
  - NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and Hg emissions by plant
- **American Wind Energy Association**
  - <http://www.awea.org/projects/index.html>

# Renewable Power Plant Capacity

	Cumulative		
Technology	Capacity MW	Data Year	Data Source
Geothermal	2769	2000	REPiS
Photovoltaic	26.63	2000	REPiS
Solar Thermal	354	2000	REPiS
Wind	4261	2001	AWEA
Biomass	11,752	1999	REPiS
Hydro	75,090	1999	REPiS

## Data Sources (Cont'd)

### General

- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network
  - <http://www.eren.doe.gov/>
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
  - <http://www.nrel.gov/>
- Renewable Energy Industry Associations
  - AWEA, SEIA, GEA, GRC, ABA